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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references were supplied when this application entered the U.S. national phase. Copies of the non-U.S. references and English language abstracts of EP 826 745 and EP 1 131 473 are enclosed herewith.

EP 1131473 is substantially equivalent to WO 0024946, EP 0826745 is substantially equivalent to U.S. 6,287,695, EP 0708155 is substantially equivalent to U.S. 5,505,991, DE 4405492 is substantially equivalent to U.S. 5,624,486, EP 0803549 is substantially equivalent to U.S. 5,766,335 and WO 0034395 is substantially equivalent to U.S. 6,150,022, U.S. 6,387,498 and U.S. 6,383,638.

Applicant would also like to bring to the Examiners attention copending applications US-2004-0131776-A, US-2005-0161678-A, 10/524,457, 10/530,098, 10/531,483, 10/533,575, 10/530,099 AND 10/517,283.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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